

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 1/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7 and 8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ilya Zborovsky on June 6, 2005. The amendments were proposed by the Examiner for the purpose of clarification.

2. Claims 7 and 8, as amended below, are allowed.
3. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 7 (currently amended): An Internet access system reducing Internet traffic and delays in content delivery comprising:

two-way addressable communication means for transmitting data between devices connected to the means by directing data to addresses assigned to the devices;

a broadcast multichannel medium for transmitting data in a broadcast manner;

a multichannel data transmitter provided at a transmission center and coupled to the broadcast multichannel medium;

a broadcast server located at the transmission center and coupled to said two-way addressable communication means for receiving requests for Internet objects from Internet clients and connected to the Internet via a network interface for downloading the requested objects from web servers located anywhere in the world and further

coupled to said multichannel data transmitter for transmitting the downloaded Internet objects in a broadcast manner in order that Internet clients that requested the same object could download the object simultaneously;

said broadcast server operative for maintaining a server selection list of Internet objects requested by Internet clients and ~~providing for each object of the selection list a number of clients requested the object~~ counting a number of clients that requested each object;

downloading only one copy of each object of the server selection list from its origin web server no matter how many clients have requested that object, thereby reducing Internet traffic;

selecting channels of said multichannel data transmitter for broadcast transmission of downloaded objects and maintaining a broadcast schedule specifying a transmission channel for each object to be transmitted;

transmitting the broadcast schedule on a channel known to Internet clients;

transmitting each Internet object on the channel specified for that object in the broadcast schedule;

retaining Internet objects requested by more than one client and repeatedly transmitting the objects with time intervals small enough so not to be considered as delays in content delivery;

continuing the transmission during a period of time determined for each object proportionally to the number of clients that requested the object in order that other clients whose users will request the object during that period of time could download the object

without sending a request to the broadcast server, thereby further reducing Internet traffic and reducing delays in content delivery;

at recipient side, a multichannel data receiver coupled to said broadcast multichannel medium for receiving data transmitted by said multichannel data transmitter;

an Internet client coupled to the multichannel data receiver so to be able to switch channels of the receiver and obtain data transmitted on different channels, and further coupled to said two-way addressable communication means for sending requests to said broadcast server;

said Internet client being operative for obtaining a user request for an Internet object; receiving said broadcast schedule over a channel of said multichannel data receiver; identifying a channel specified in the broadcast schedule for transmission of the Internet object requested by the user if the object is included in the broadcast schedule;

sending a request to the broadcast server only if the object requested by the user is not included in the broadcast schedule, thereby reducing interaction with the broadcast server, and waiting until the object will be included in the broadcast schedule;

switching said multichannel data receiver to the channel specified in the broadcast schedule for transmission of the Internet object requested by the user;

downloading the object from that channel; and

presenting the object to the user.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An Internet access system reducing Internet traffic and delays in content presentation comprising:

two-way addressable communication means for transmitting data between devices connected to the means by directing data to addresses assigned to the devices;

a broadcast multichannel medium for transmitting data in a broadcast manner;

a multichannel data transmitter provided at a transmission center and coupled *to* the broadcast multichannel medium;

a broadcast server located at the transmission center and coupled to said two-way addressable communication means for receiving requests for Internet objects from Internet clients and connected to the Internet via a network interface for downloading the requested objects from Internet servers located anywhere in the world and further coupled to said multichannel data transmitter for transmitting the downloaded objects in a broadcast manner so that Internet clients that requested the same object could download the object simultaneously;

said broadcast server operative for maintaining a server selection list of Internet objects requested by Internet clients and ~~providing for each object of the selection list a number of clients requested that object~~ counting a number of clients that requested each object;

scheduling objects of the server selection list for broadcast transmission so to transmit objects requested by more than one client repeatedly during a period of time determined for each object proportionally to the number of clients that requested the object in order that other clients whose users will request the object during that period of time could download the object without sending a request to the broadcast server;

maintaining a broadcast schedule specifying a transmission time and a transmission channel for each object to be transmitted;

transmitting the broadcast schedule via a channel known to Internet clients;

downloading each Internet object included in the broadcast schedule from its origin web server before the time of scheduled broadcast transmission of that object;

limiting the download to only one copy of the object no matter how many clients have requested that object, thereby reducing Internet traffic;

transmitting only one copy of each Internet object at the time and on the channel specified for that object in the broadcast schedule;

at recipient side, a multichannel data receiver coupled to said broadcast multichannel medium for receiving data transmitted by said multichannel data transmitter;

an Internet client coupled to the multichannel data receiver so to be able to switch channels of the receiver and obtain data transmitted on different channels, and further coupled to said two-way addressable communication means for sending requests to said broadcast server;

said Internet client being operative for obtaining and storing a user's selection list of Internet objects;

receiving said broadcast schedule over a channel of said multichannel data receiver;

for each Internet object of the user's selection list, which is included in the broadcast schedule, identifying a time and a channel specified in the broadcast schedule for transmission of that object;

sending a request to the broadcast server only for those objects of the user's selection list, which are not included in the broadcast schedule, thereby reducing interaction with the broadcast server;

at a time specified in the broadcast schedule for transmission of an Internet object of the user's selection list, switching said multichannel data receiver to the channel specified in the broadcast schedule for transmission of that object;

downloading the object from that channel and, if necessary, replacing an old version of the object by a new one;

storing the object; and

instantly presenting the stored object to the user at a time selected by the user, thereby reducing delays in content presentation.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The prior art of record teaches broadcasting Internet objects to clients over multiple channels from a broadcast server, providing a broadcast schedule to the clients, and downloading the Internet objects in the schedule from originating web servers. However, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest repeatedly transmitting Internet objects during a period of time proportionally to the number of clients that requested the object in order that other clients whose users will request the object during that period of time could download the object without sending a request to the broadcast server. Therefore, the present invention teaches an improved Internet access broadcast system.


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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron C. Perez-Daple whose telephone number is (571) 272-3974. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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